ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

1. Declaration of Moratorium.

2. Remission of tax due to failure of crops.

Mr. President: I have got notice of two adjournment motions from Mr. Iyyu. One is on the subject of the immediate necessity of declaring a moratorium till the disposal of the Cochin Agricultural Debt Relief Bill and the Cochin Debtors' Relief Bill. There is a resolution to the same effect, No. 208, and under the Standing Orders, the adjournment motion is not in order. The other is to discuss the immediate necessity of declaring complete remission of tax for puncha and kole nilams for the ensuing kist, because of the total failure of crops due to absence of rain. A similar motion for reduction of kist was ruled out of order during the last session, and because a motion of this kind is not a matter of urgency, that also is not in order.

Condolence motion on the demise of Mr. M. K. Raman, the late Commissioner of Excise.

***Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sir, I beg leave to move the following condolence resolution :

"*This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sudden and sad demise of Mr. M. K. Raman, Commissioner of Excise, and for a long time, a non-official member of this House.*"

Sir, this is the third time, within my limited period here, that I undertake this melancholy task of moving the condolence resolution. There is some similarity in at least two cases for, the death was sudden and, therefore, the shock was unbearable. Mr. Raman belongs to a very respectable Ezhuva family in the State, though owing to circumstances—I am mentioning it with a purpose—he was not financially in a very good condition. During his scholastic career, a body of gentlemen consisting of Princes of this State and members of all classes joined together to help him to see that his education is completed. That shows in what respect these people have held Mr. Raman even while he was a student and what hopeful anticipation they had in his case. I need scarcely assure this House that this anticipation had been completely fulfilled. Mr. Raman entered Government service some decades ago. But, he thought that the steady and certain official life was not suitable to the uncertain and vigorous life of a lawyer and he left the Government service and re-joined the Bar. But, later on, with the change that came over the policy of the Durbar that as far as possible, the

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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